(b) whether it is a fact that security officers posted in Kashmir are earning thousands of rupees by selling arms to active militant groups in Tarai area in addition to Punjab militants;

(c) if so, the number of arms sold by militants with the help of security officers; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) to (d) Specific information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sale of Illegal Arms in Delhi

68. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL Alias MEEM AFZAL :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 31st May, 1992, regarding rampant gun running in the capital with the active police connivance ;

(b) if so, the quantity and make of illegal arms seized so far from the illegal arms sellers as well as actual users, separately, during the last three years ;

(c) whether any independent enquiry has been conducted by Government to identify the racket involving the police connivance in the illegal sale of arms in various parts of the city ; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Killing of Innocent People by Using them as Human Shields in Behala, Amritsar

69. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 17th June, 92 regarding killing of persons by using them as human shields by the security forces in Behala, distt. Amritsar, while dealing with the militants ; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government against those found responsible for killing innocent people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTRY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Government has seen the News item.

(b) Law and order being a State subject, it is for the Government of Punjab to look into such matters and take appropriate action.

Concentration of Afghan Mujahideen on J&K Border

70. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
DR. ABRAR AHMAD :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports indicating that Afghan Mujahideen concentrating on J&K border with Pak army may give a fresh impetus to the militants in the Valley ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard ; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Although there are some uncorroborated reports to indicate that Afghan Mujahideens are being deployed across Jammu and Kashmir border for infiltration at the instance of Pak agencies, there has been no actual detection of any Afghan Mujahideen in the Valley.

(c) Deployment of Security Forces alongwith the border has been strengthened. Patrolling and intellgence operations have been intensified.

Protection of Government Employees Working in Terrorist Prone-Areas

71. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a scheme to protect Government employees against dangers involved in their working in terrorist-prone areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Protection of Government Employees is a part of Government's responsibility for protection of all citizens, including the Government Employees. Special measures are taken as and when certain Government Employees or class of Government Employees come under increased threat from terrorists. Because the nature and intensity of this threat varies over time and from one place to another, it is not practicable to formulate a general scheme for all Government Employees.

Meeting of Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh with Home Minister

72. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh alongwith his cabinet colleagues has called on the Home Minister recently in New Delhi to apprise the refugee issues; Assam-Arunachal Pradesh boundary problem and other important matters; and

(b) if so, what are the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) None of the points raised in the meeting with the Home Mnister is new and practically, these points have already been under discussion/correspondence with the State Govt.

Conservation of Petroleum Products

73. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what new initiatives Government have taken to promote conservation of petroleum products in various sectors;

(b) (i) whether the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) achieved any results/technology towards re-refining of used oils (ii) fuel-efficient liquid petroleum gas/gas stoves and (iii) inter-fuel substitution by replacement of liquid petroleum fuels etc;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are satisfied with the results so achieved so far by Petroleum Conservation Research Association and also observance of "Oil Conservation Weeks", if so, what expenditure was incurred thereon during 1991-92 as compared to the amount of savings "in fuel and less consumption programme" contemplated by Government in oil sector during this period?